GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Energy Department – Power tariff concession for supply of power to the Aquaculture farmers - Revised Orders – Issued.

ENERGY (POWER-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.49 Dated:08/04/2022
Read the following: -

1. G.O.Rt.No.119, Energy (Power.I) Dept, dated:5-9-2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.136, Energy (Power.I) Dept, dated:10-10-2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.70, Energy (Power.I) Dept, dated:2-7-2019.

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ORDER: -

Aquaculture sector is one of the fastest growing sub-sectors among the primary sector in the State of Andhra Pradesh and leading in the country in aquaculture production.

2. Considering the valuable contribution of the aquaculture sector to GSDP, employment generation, supply of protein rich food and earning of foreign exchange through seafood exports, and in order to support the aquaculture farming community, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have issued orders in the G.O.3rd read above, reducing the current unit rate from the rate notified by APERC to Rs. 1.50 ps per unit from July 2019 onwards with subsidy of Rs. 2.36 ps per unit, to alleviate the financial hardship faced by farmers due to aquaculture production cost as well as to enable them to with stand in the global market of aqua exports with competitive price and premium quality.

3. In the light of the enhancement of unit service cost to 6.89 ps., the Government have reviewed the present mode of implementation of scheme of power tariff concession to aqua farmers and subsidy extended per unit. After due deliberation, a decision has been taken to revise the orders issued in the G.O.3rd read above, by categorizing the aquaculture farmers basing on the extent of tanks and the location of the tanks.

4. Accordingly, after careful consideration, Government hereby order that Power tariff concession shall be extended to aquaculture farmers as indicated below:

Category	Type of aquaculture	Current unit rate to be charged
≤ 5.00 Acres	Both for fish and shrimp culture tanks	Rs. 1.50 ps
> 5.00 Acres	Both for fish and shrimp culture tanks	Rs. 3.85 ps

i. The unit service cost of Rs. 3.85 ps shall be charged for all the fish/shrimp tanks located outside the aqua zones irrespective of the extent of the tanks.

ii. The power tariff concession shall be extended to fish/ shrimp tanks basing on the e-fish data for time being and eventually the power tariff concession will be extended to fish/ shrimp culture tanks registered under APSADA Act, 2020.

iii. DISCOMs will collect the power charges from aquaculture farmers at the unit rate as per the above categorization as is being done now.

5. The expenditure shall be met from the relevant Head of Account.

6. The Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Vijayawada shall provide required Aquaculture farmer's data to extend Power Tariff concession by the DISCOMS.

7. The CMD, APTRANSCO, Vijayawada, CMD, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam, CMD, APSPDCL, Tirupati, CMD, APCPDCL, Vijayawada and the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further necessary action accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O. No. FIN01-FMU0BES(IIE)/1/2019-FMU-IIE, dated:t07.4.2022 (C.No.923779)

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chairman & Managing Director, APTRANSCO, Vijayawada.
The Member Convenor, APPCC, Vijayawada.

The Chairman & Managing Directors of APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam/ APCPDCL, Vijayawada/APSPDCL, Tirupati.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Vijayawada
(Shall take further necessary action accordingly)
The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries Department, AP Secretariat.
SF/SCs (Computer No. 507469)

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER